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In re Appln. of: SANDERS ET AL.

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Art Unit: 1733

FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY
JP 03-205053	09/1991	JAPAN
JP 04-022359	01/1992	JAPAN

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with copies of the listed references for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) (as modified by the Commissioner's Notice dated July 11, 2003). Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.98(a)(3), and MPEP § 609A(3), English language translations of the Abstracts only for Japanese references JP 03-205053 and JP 04-022359 are enclosed to provide a concise explanation of these references (E1-E2), which are not in English.

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Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

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Respectfully submitted,



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